

REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.


Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “Version with markings to show changes made.”

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The following claims have amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The binder composition according to claim 1, wherein the polar monomer is at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of cyano group-containing monoethylenically unsaturated monomers, alkyl acrylate and alkyl methacrylate monomers, the alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and having at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, an amino group and alkylamino groups, and ethylenically unsaturated monocarboxylic acids.

4 . (Amended) The binder composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the content of the polymer is in the range of 0.2 to 80% by weight based on the weight of the binder composition.

5 . (Amended) The binder composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the liquid dispersion medium is a dispersion medium having a boiling point of 80 to 350°C at normal pressure.

6 . (Amended) The binder composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the polymer has a gel content of 50 to 100% in an electrolyte solution and a gel content of 50 to 100% in the liquid dispersion medium.

7. (Amended) A slurry for an electrode for a lithium-ion secondary battery, characterized by comprising a binder composition as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, and an active material.

11. (Amended) A lithium-ion secondary battery, characterized in that one of a positive electrode and a negative electrode of the battery is an electrode as claimed in claim 9 ~~or 10~~.

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